

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0104

National Register Eligibility Status
Property is not Historic (50 years or older)

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

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Historic Context(s): Technology/Engineering

Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This small, one-story building, constructed in 1955, was used as one of two buildings that supported the Terminal Building Launch Area #4 (WFF # W-030) and launches that took place in that area. The building is located on the east side of Island Road in a level area, adjacent to Launch Area 4. A tall metal structure, originally used as a launch stand that supported rockets above the concrete pad, is located immediately south of the building.

This building is representative of secondary building associated with a Technology/Engineering property type built at the beginning of the New Dominion (1945 – present) period and was one of several buildings built by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) following the end of World War II. Created by Congress in 1915 to conduct research and experiments in aeronautics, NACA constructed a facility to conduct aeronautic research using test rockets on Wallops Island in 1945 called the Auxiliary Flight Research Station, renamed the Pilotless Aircraft Research Station (PARS) in 1946. Over the next 15 years, Wallops researchers helped develop components of the space program, including capsule escape techniques, maximum pressure tests and recovery systems. The PARS also provided support for research in re-entry and life-support systems, Scout launch vehicles, and mobile research projects. NACA operated the base until becoming part of the new National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in 1958. The Cable Term Building has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity, and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. As a secondary resource the Cable Term Building does not by itself sufficiently embody a quality of significance associated with events in order to be eligible under Criterion A, nor does it sufficiently embody a quality of significance associated with a person in order to be eligible under Criterion B. The resource retains its integrity but as a secondary resource of common design and materials, the resource is not eligible under Criterion C as it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This property does not have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory under Criterion D.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: Giffels and Valet

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2004/07/99

Organization or Person: URS Group

VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571

CRM Event Notes or Comments: 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

CRM Event # 2,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2003/08/08

Organization or Person: URS Group

VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571

CRM Event Notes or Comments: 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700
Bethesda, MD 20814